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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 1, 2003, Applicant hereby elects the claims of Group I, claims 1-9, for prosecution in the subject application.

Applicant, of course, reserves the right to file a divisional application covering the subject matter of the non-elected claims.

Receipt of the initial Office Action on the merits is awaited.

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